



The Lincoln School

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Wednesday

April 29, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Welcome back from vacation. It seems that overnight the willow trees and dogwoods have exploded. Enjoy these sweet weeks where the temperature and color collide into our short version of spring! The next two months are jam-packed with school and community activities. Please note the May LSPA meeting has been moved from our typical Wednesday morning slot to Thursday, May 14th at 8:30am. Jennifer Wolf, our school psychologist, will join us to lead a discussion regarding Dr. Brooks' presentation "Raising Resilient Children and Adolescents." This presentation takes place on Wednesday, May 13th from 7:30-9pm at McCall Auditorium. He is a fabulous speaker and is being sponsored by Parent to Parent. Please come whether you attend the previous night's presentation or not, it is sure to inspire ideas and conversation regarding our children's development. Our best,

—Linda McDonough and Jenny Splaine

CALENDAR

Friday, May 1st

May Day celebration, 9:30 am

Monday, May 4th

Early Release at 11:30 am

Wednesday, May 6th

Math Morning 8:45 -9:30 am

Saturday, May 9th

Lincoln School clean-up day, 9-12 noon

Thursday, May 14th

May LSPA Meeting, 8:30 am

SAVE THE DATE! Mark Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon and join the Building & Grounds Committee for a Spring Clean-up of the Lincoln School grounds. We'll be picking up trash, raking, spreading mulch, trimming bushes and sweeping winter sand from the sidewalks to help keep our school as beautiful and safe as it can be. Kids are absolutely welcome. Bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes, gardening tools, push brooms and wheelbarrows. For information contact Rachel or Keith Whitehouse at 781-721-0153 or racheljwhitehouse@hotmail.com.



\$1,182 EARNED SO FAR FROM BOX TOP'S CONTEST.

Great job to all Lincoln students for clipping Box Tops! As of April, we have earned \$1,182 towards our \$1,500 goal. **Congrat's to Mrs. Flaherty's friends for staying strong but watch out!! Mrs. Hunt's kindergarteners are on the HUNT for the prize!** Don't stop now! Just one month left to reach our goal. Thank you for your continued support.

Lead Box Top collectors as of April:

1 st	C. Flaherty	1st grade	1180
2 nd	A. Hunt	Kindergarten	1072
3 rd	M. Barford	4 th grade	841
4 th	E. Adams	2 nd grade	716
5 th	J. Linehan	3 rd grade	710
6 th	C. Wolfe	1 st grade	635
7 th	J. McElaney	4 th grade	589
8 th	P. Haggerty	2 nd grade	568
9 th	P. Tranchita	4 th grade	541
10 th	T. Wallace	5 th grade	540

ATTN FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES: THE MCCALL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

We are currently looking to fill September Open House Hospitality, Special Education Liaison, and publicity positions at McCall for next year. To volunteer for any of the above positions, or for more information, please contact Parent Association co-presidents Robin Wolf or Susan Verdicchio at president@mccallpa.org. Thank you!

IN THE MOOD

Are you in the mood to enjoy great music, good company, dancing and a delicious dessert buffet? Then join us for a semi-formal benefit dance for the Winchester School Bands will be held on Saturday, May 30th, 2009 from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m at Saint Eulalia's Church Hall, 50 Ridge Street, Winchester, MA. Tickets are \$20/person and \$10/senior citizen or student and are available by mail or at BookEnds. For further information please contact Betsy Goodell at (781) 721-0290 or betsygoodell@gmail.com.

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2009-2010 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3, 4 & 5

It is time to sign up for musical instrument lessons. Winchester Public Schools offers an extensive program of instrument lessons and ensembles for students in grades 3-12. For more information please go to the following link and scroll to bottom of page <http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us/business/office/busofficeinfo.htm>

Lincoln's May Day Celebration



Friday, May 1st

9:30 am, Lincoln Field

Our students are proud to present our annual festival of art, music, dancing and writing! Feel free to bring a chair or blanket. The sharing of writing will take place in the classrooms after the performance. Children should wear the closest thing they have to an all-white shirt, khaki pants or shorts, and sneakers.

WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER PROGRAM 2009 PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Winchester will be conducting a preschool and incoming kindergarten summer program. This program will take place at the Lincoln Elementary School from July 6 through August 14. The sessions will be for 6 weeks, 9:00-12:00 Monday-Friday. The program will be staffed based on level of interest but at a minimum will have a teacher and teaching assistant. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Parents must commit to two, four, or six weeks of participation. We will not be able to accommodate students on less than a two-week basis, five days per week.

Please complete the attached form to indicate which session(s) your child will be

attending and return. In order to effectively plan the program and hire staff we need confirmation from you by May 22, 2009 indicating your child's participation.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

CHESS STRATEGY AND TACTICS!

Andrew Kolodziej, Lincoln parent and former Illinois high school champion, will teach a small group how to check-mate, positional tactics, how to control the center, and endgame strategy in six fun sessions. Classes will be divided between lesson, chess puzzles and games with each class focusing on one theme. Classes will meet in the library on Wednesdays after school from 2:30-3:45, starting May 6. Bring a chess set if you have one. Participants should know the basic chess moves and rules, Grades 3-5 preferred. Cost: \$40 for six sessions, scholarships available. Limited to 12 students. Call 781-721-6416 or email akoloj@gmail.com to register.

PRIDE PARK BRICKS

As many of you know Winchester is about to take on a very important project in rebuilding our fields, some of you may have received a recent mailing that went out to local residents. A great way to contribute to this project is by purchasing a brick or plaque in what will be known as "Pride Park." These bricks and plaques come in different sizes depending on what you want to donate, and make wonderful gifts for graduation, teacher, coach, team, events, or recognition of a lost loved one. If interested in making a donation to our field's project, please go to our website: www.wfdc.net and click on Pride Park Bricks. For more information you may contact Susan Duffy Smith at duffysmith@verizon.net or Dora MacLeod at dorabell@comcast.net

WINCHESTER FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE:

Whether you loved prom, hated it, or didn't go, you won't want to miss **WFEE's Prom 'n Aid**. The date is **May 30th**. The evening will include dancing, dinner, a live auction and a few surprises. **Buy your tickets by May 1st** and be entered to win a Limo ride to the Prom! Order your tickets at www.wfee.org or pick them up at Book Ends, \$350 per couple/ \$175 stag. WFEE, the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence, funds programs and teacher training at all Winchester public schools. Additional WFEE system-wide initiatives include the purchase of technology such as teacher laptop computers, interactive whiteboards and software. Questions? info@wfee.org or 781-756-8020.

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS: "RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS"

Dr. Robert Brooks will describe factors that help children and adolescents to deal more effectively with stress and pressure and become more resilient. Please join us on Wednesday, May 13th, 7:30 – 9:00, in the McCall Middle School auditorium.

Dr. Brooks is a clinical psychologist who lectures nationally and internationally on topics related to resilience, motivation, and self-esteem. He is on the faculty of Harvard Medical School, and maintains a private practice in the Boston area. He is the author of more than 10 books for parents and teachers, including *The Self-Esteem Teacher*, *Raising Resilient Children*, and *Raising a Self-Disciplined Child*. Dr. Brooks has appeared on local and national television, and has been a consultant to Sesame Street Parents Magazine. For more information about Dr. Brooks, go to www.drrobertbrooks.com. Parent to Parent thanks the EnKa Society for their financial support. Visit us at www.parenttoparentwinchester.org.

WINCHESTER ABC PROGRAM BOTTLE DRIVE

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, May 9, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans would be appreciated. Volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242 or Mary d. Jordan at 781-729-8397.

EN KA DAY AT MAHONEY'S

The "En Ka Day at Mahoney's" annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 13 at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center, 242 Cambridge Street in Winchester. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates and more. For the 27th year in a row, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants to Winchester's charitable and civic organizations.

EN KA SOCIETY ANNUAL STREET FAIR AND PARADE

On Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 the En Ka Society's annual street fair "I Love a Parade," will be held on the corner of Mt. Vernon St. and Skillings Rd. The Fair is a traditional welcome to spring, and will feature attractions including rides for

kids and adults, as well as games, books, a quilt raffle and delicious food such as lobster rolls, hamburgers baked goods and treats. All rides and games will open to the public beginning at 5 pm on Friday night. Fair hours are 5 pm - 11 pm on Friday, and 10 am - 10 pm on Saturday. Advance tickets are available at the Fair Grounds from 12 noon - 6 pm Thursday May 14, and 10 am - 4 pm on Friday May 15. The annual EnKa Parade is scheduled to begin at 9am on Saturday May 16, at the High School. This is the Society's largest annual fundraiser. Last year's proceeds supported over 40 Winchester non-profit, youth and civic programs. This year's Fair promises to be a great one!

PARENT TO PARENT BOOK GROUP

Please join us for the final meeting of this school year of the Parent to Parent and Winchester Public Library book group, on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. We are looking forward to discussing *Nineteen Minutes*, a novel by best-selling author Jodi Picoult. This page-turner about a school shooting was chosen for the final book group meeting because of the profound parenting issues raised throughout. Some of the topics we expect to discuss include: how do we really get to know our children; how can we be resources for them when they struggle with life's challenges; how do we deal with the inevitable ways in which our children do not fulfill our expectations and/or dreams; and how do we create a caring community of children and adults that is different from the one Picoult portrays. We do not expect that all in attendance will have finished the book; our goal is to offer an opportunity to informally discuss, parent-to-parent, the issues that are raised. The book will be available at the Circulation Desk of the Library, and can be purchased at Book Ends, where you will receive a 20% discount if you mention the book group. For more information, contact parenttoparentwinchester.org.

LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

Deadline	Publish Date	Typist
5/1	5/6	Barton
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